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This humble project was started on Friday, August 15, 2014 **OM** 

**Om Shree Krishnaya Param Brahmane Namah!** 

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श्रीमद्भागवतं

# SREEMAD BHAGAWATHAM MOOLAM (ORIGINAL)

संसारसागरे मग्नं दीनं मां करुणानिधे । कर्मग्राहगृहीताङ्गं मामुद्धर भवार्णवात् ॥

Samsaarasaagare magnam dheenam maam Karunaaniddhe Karmmagrehagriheethaangam maamudhddara bhaavaarnnavaath.

Oh, The Treasure House and Abode of Mercy! I am plunged into the depth of a material ocean of miseries and sorrows due to innumerous fruitive actions of material life. I pray for your mercy and compassion to uplift me to the shore of shelter of transcendental life.

श्रीमद्भागवताख्योऽयं प्रत्यक्षः कृष्ण एव हि । स्वीकृतोऽसि मया नाथ मुक्त्यर्थं भवसागरे ॥

Sreemadhbhaagawathaakhyoyam prethyakshah Krishna eva hi Sveekrithoasi mayaa naattha mukthyarttha bhavasaagare.

Oh, Sree Krishna Paramaathman! You are The Supreme Most God as appeared and clearly established in the Puraana or Mythology of Sreemadh Bhaagawatham. You are the provider of Mukthi or Moksha or Moksham or ultimate Aathmasaakshaathkaaram or Transcendental Realization. Everyone has clearly accepted You, Sree Krishna Bhagawaan, as the Lord and Protector. Please liberate and save me from the miseries and sorrows of this material ocean and provide me Mukthi.

मनोरथो मदीयोऽयं सफलः सर्वथा त्वया । निर्विघ्नेनैव कर्तव्यः दासोऽहं तव केशव ॥

Manorettho madheeyoayam saphalah sarvatthaa Thvyaa Nirvighnenaiva karthavyah dhaasoaham Thava Kesava.

Oh, Kesava! Oh, Supreme God Sree Krishna Bhagawaan! Please fulfil my desire of getting liberated from miseries and sorrows of this material ocean and attaining transcendental knowledge. I am your servant. Please help me to execute my duty of offering services at Your Lotus Feet and worshipping You without any obstacle.

शुकरूपप्रबोधज्ञ सर्वशास्त्रविशारद । एतत्कथाप्रकाशेन मदज्ञानं विनाशय ॥

Sukaroopapreboddhajnja Sarvasaasthravisaaradha EThathkatthaaprekaasena madhajnjaanam vinaasaya.

Oh, Supreme God Sree Krishna Bhagawaan! Please provide me the opportunity to listen to Your Divine Stories, which is capable of liberating all its careful listeners from the material miseries and providing transcendental knowledge, explained in detail by the Aachaarya Suka Brahmarshi who is the divinest scholar of all Vedhaas, Saasthraas, Puraanaas, Ithihaasaas, etc.

भवे भवे यथा भक्तिः पादयोस्तव जायते । तथा कुरुष्व देवेश नाथस्त्वं नो यतः प्रभो ॥

Bhave bhave yetthaa bhakthih paadhayosthava jaayathe Thatthaa kurushva Dhevesa NaatthasThwam no yrthah Prebho.

Oh, The Supreme Lord! Oh, Sree Krishna Bhagawaan! You are the Lord of all Dhevaas or all Lords. Please make everything happen in such a way that every birth after birth of our material lives, we are blessed with steadfast devotion to Your Lotus Feet because You are The Supreme Lord, Protector, and Master of the Universe and all its entities and elements.

नामसङ्कीर्तनं यस्य सर्वपापप्रणाशनम् । प्रणामो दुःखशमनः तं नमामि हरिं परम् ॥

Naamasangkeerthanam yesya sarvappapaprenaasanam Prenaamo dhuhkhasamanah Tham namaami Harim param.

Oh, The Supreme Lord! Oh, Sree Krishna Bhagawaan! The recital or reading of Your Divine Name or Names is the destroyer and remover of all sins and evils from life. Oh, Bhagawaan Hari! You are the Supreme One and there is no one else equal to You. You are The Supreme Truth. We are worshiping and prostrating at Your Lotus Feet for destroying and removing all my material miseries and sorrows.

कृष्णाय वासुदेवाय हरये परमात्मने । प्रणतक्लेशनाशाय गोविन्दाय नमो नमः ॥

Krishnaaya Vaasudhevaaya Haraye Paramaathmane

Prenathaklesanaasaaya Govindhaaya namo namah.

Oh, Sree Krishna Bhagawaan! Oh, Vaasudheva Bhagawaan! Oh, Bhagawaan Sri Hari! Oh, Paramaathman or Paramaathma or The Supreme Soul! Oh, Govindha Bhagawaan! You are the destroyer and remover of all afflictions and sorrows. We worship and prostrate You again and again to remove all our material miseries and sorrows.

## सर्वत्र गोविन्दनामसङ्कीर्तनं गोविन्द गोविन्द ॥

Sarvathra Govindhanaamasangkeerthanam Govindha Govindha.

Oh, Govindha Bhagawaan! Oh, Govindha Bhagawaan! Oh, Govindha Bhagawaan! I am always worshiping and offering services at Your Lotus Feet by reciting Your Names always and everywhere. Om Govindha Govindha Govindha....

गुं गुरुभ्यो नमः । गं गणपतये नमः । सं सरस्वत्यै नमः । दं दक्षिणामूर्तये नमः । वं वेदव्यासाय नमः । ॐ नमो भगवते वासुदेवाय । हरिश्रीगणपतये नमः ॥

Gum Gurubhyo Namah. Gem Ganapathaye Namah. Sam Saraswathyai Namah Dhem Dhekshinaamoorthaye Namah. Vam Vedhavyaasaaya Namah. Om Namo Bhagawathe Vaasudhevaaya. HariSriGaNaPaThaYe Namah.

I offer my salutation to Guru or Preceptor by chanting the Beeja or Seed Manthra or Hymn "Gum" and then the whole Manthra GurubhyoNamah. I offer my salutation to Ganapathy or The Lord who is the remover of all obstacles by chanting the Beeja or Seed Manthra or Hymn "Gem" and then the whole Manthra GanapathayeNamah. I offer my salutation to Saraswathy Dhevi or The Goddess who is the embodiment and resource of Education and Knowledge by chanting the Beeja or Seed Manthra or Hymn "Sam" and then the whole Manthra SaraswathyieNamah. I offer my salutation to DhevaDheva DhekshinaaMoorththy Who is The Lord of all Dhevaas and Who is The Universal Preceptor and The Preceptor of all Preceptors and Who is The Embodiment of all Knowledge and Education by chanting

the Beeja or Seed Manthra or Hymn "Dhem" and then the whole Manthra DhekshinaaMoorththaye Namah. I offer my salutation to VedhaVyaasa Maharshi Who has Compiled Vedhaas and Who is The Author of all Puraanaas including this Sreemadh Bhaagawatha Puraana by chanting the Beeja or Seed Manthra or Hymn "Vam" and then the whole Manthra VedhaVyaasaaya Namah. I offer my Prayers and Salutation to Bhagawaan Sree Vaasudheva by Chanting The Manthra: "Om Namo Bhagawathe Vaasudhevaaya." I offer my Prayers and Salutations to Bhagawaan Sree Hari, Goddess Sree or Sree Mahaalakshmi, Ganapathi, and all Deities by Chanting the Manthra: "HariSreeGaNaPaThaYeNaMah."

#### प्रथमस्कन्धः

#### PRATHAMASKANDHAH (CANTO ONE)

॥ प्रथमोऽध्यायः ॥

#### PRATHAMOADHYAYAH (CHAPTER ONE)

Bhagawatha Vishaya Prasnam (Questions by sages about the subject of Sreemad Bhagawatham)

हरिश्रीगणपतये नमः Hari Shree Ganapathaye Namah

(My salutation and prostration to Lord Sri Maha Vishnu [Supreme Godhead], Goddess of prosperity [Shree Maha Lakshmi] and Ganapathi [The God who removes all obstacles])

ॐ नमो भगवते वासुदेवाय Om Namo Bhagawathe Vaasudevayah

(My salutation and prostration to Bhagawan [The Ultimate God] Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan who is the son of Vasudevar)

[This chapter discusses the subject matter of Sreemadh Bhaagawatham. Saunaka and his associate Brahmins conducted

one of the greatest and noblest of Yejnjaas which took a thousand years for its completion with the purpose of attaining Vaikunta. During the concluding part of this Yejnja, the great Sootha walked into the Yejnja Saala. Sootha had just listened to the discourse of Sreemadh Bhaagawatham in seven days given by Suka Brahmarshi to Pareekshith Mahaaraaja in order to obtain final liberation from this material life and attain ultimate salvation. Having learned that Sootha had just listened to greatness of Sapthaaha Yejnja which describes the glories of Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawaan, Saunaka as a spokesperson asked the most scholarly orator Sootha to explain the divinities and nobilities of Sreemadh Bhagawatham to the assembly of Brahmins in the Yejnja Saala.]

जन्माद्यस्य यतोऽन्वयादितरतश्चार्थेष्वभिज्ञः स्वराट् तेने ब्रह्महृदा य आदिकवये मुह्यन्ति यत्सूरयः। तेजोवारिमृदां यथा विनिमयो यत्र त्रिसर्गोऽमृषा धाम्ना स्वेन सदा निरस्तकुहकं सत्यं परं धीमहि॥ १॥

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Janmadhyasya yathonwayaathitharatha-Schwartheshwabhinjah swarad Thene brahmahridha ya aadikavaye Muhyanthi yeth soorayah Thejovarimridham yedha vinimayo Yethra thri sargoamrishaa Dhamna swena sadha nirasthakuhakam Sathyam param dheemahi.

[I offer my salutations, prayers, prostrations, and obeisance to Lord Vaasudeva Sri Krishna Bhagawan who is the son of Vasudevar and Devakidevi. I sincerely and respectfully pray that I should be able to meditate upon and worship Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan always in order to remove all distresses and pains I am inflicted upon due to and from the entanglement of this material world.] When we study thoroughly by analyzing and synthesizing meticulously every minute aspect to see how the material world of this universe was originally created,

sustained and maintained as it exists today and then finally getting destroyed; we can and will conclude that Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan is the Absolute Truth and Primeval cause of the creation, sustenance and final destruction of this material world and of this manifested universe and of all other manifested universes. [The belief and the fact is that there are innumerable other universes, planets and stars.] Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan is the one who is the cause and of the existence of all the five elements starting from Earth. [The five elements are: Earth, Water, Fire, Air and Ether.] Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan is inside and outside of all the five elements and Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan is the brilliance and splendor of all the five elements. Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan is the essence of all the five elements. Other than Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan there is nothing else either within or outside the five elements. Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan is the one who initiated and provided with all the information and knowledge of the Vedas to Brahmadeva. Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan is the one who creates the illusion and entices the gods of heaven as well as to rishis or seers and sages. Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan is the one who creates the illusory confusion whether the five elements like fire, water, earth, etc. are either real or unreal even for the gods of heaven and the godly sages and other scholars and rishis or mendicants. Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan is the one who removes or wipes out or eliminates the darkness or the ignorance or the confusion of the existence or nonexistence of these five elements. I offer my respectful salutations, prayers, worship, obeisance and prostrations to that Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan who is the Absolute Truth and the primeval cause of all the creations in order to remove and or to eliminate completely all my distresses and pains from the entrapment of this material world. I sincerely pray that I may have the opportunity to meditate upon and worship that Absolute Truth which is Lord Vaasudeva Sri Krishna Bhagawan who is the son of Vasudevar and Devakidevi. [Here the concept is that Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan or Lord Maha Vishnu is one and the same as we know that Lord Sri Maha Vishnu is the one who created the universes and Brahmadeva.]

धर्मः प्रोज्झितकैतवोऽत्र परमो निर्मत्सराणां सतां

## वेद्यं वास्तवमत्र वस्तु शिवदं तापत्रयोन्मूलनम् । श्रीमद्भागवते महामुनिकृते किं वा परैरीश्वरः सद्यो हृद्यवरुध्यतेऽत्र कृतिभिः शुश्रूषुभिस्तत्क्षणात् ॥ २॥

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Dharmah projjithakaithavoathra paramo
Nirmalsaraanaam sathaam
Vedhyam vaasthavamathra vasthu sivadham
Thapathrayonmoolanam
Sreemadbhagawathe mahamunikrithe
Kim vaa paraireeswaraSsadhyo hridhyavaruddhyatheathra krithibhih
Sushrooshubhisthath kshanaath

This Sreemad Bhagawatham was created by the great seer, Vyasabhagawan, in order to eliminate and remove the utter ignorance spread by the pitch darkness of the horrible illusion we have about this manifested universe. This Sreemad Bhagawatham explains the most desired and non fraudulent and righteous and virtuous and selfless actions meant for the most sacred and devotional beings of this material world and of course for the benefit of the whole mankind. This Sreemad Bhagawatham provides us not only the means to get rid of all the three- fold miseries and distresses of this world but also will ensure that we would no longer be affected by those miseries. [The three miseries of this material world are: 1) Adhyatmikam meaning the miseries or confusion related to the soul, 2) Adhibhouthikam meaning the miseries related to the five basic elements and 3) Adhidhaiveekam meaning miseries related to godly matters or due to destiny or fate. And these three miseries are known as Thapathrayam.] This Sremad Bhagawatham is meant for virtuous devotees with no egoistic and envious attitudes. This Sreemad Bhagawatham would provide us with eternal happiness and pleasure along with the knowledge of truth about the Brahma or of the ultimate Brahma. When this Sreemad Bhagawatham is capable to provide us with all the knowledge needed without any difficulty at all then what is the need for us to refer to any other Science or Puranas

and more over when we are sure that those other books of Sciences are not capable to provide us with inner knowledge about the ultimate truth of Parabrahmam or of Lord Sri Krishna Bhagwan. And it is true that by reading or listening to any other books the divine knowledge or the presence of Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan will not be induced into our consciousness. Whereas those who wish to listen or read Sreemad Bhagawatham with pure intention Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan himself will be permanently installed in their minds and hearts and of course in their inner consciousness. The third stanza of Sreemad Bhagawatham itself will explain that Sreemad Bhagawatham is the supreme most and the greatest of all the divine books not only because this book contains well organized three parts of Karma (Actions to be performed according to Vedic prescription), Jnjana (Spiritual and Material Knowledge required for leading a fulfilled life) and Godly (Information of different deities and of the Ultimate Godhead, Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan) but also because Sreemad Bhagawatham is capable to provide better and more effective and positive scientific result which cannot be obtained even from all the Vedas and all the Upanishads and all the Puranas.

> निगमकल्पतरोर्गलितं फलं शुकमुखादमृतद्रवसंयुतम् । पिबत भागवतं रसमालयं मुहुरहो रसिका भुवि भावुकाः ॥ ३॥

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Nigamakalpatharorgalitham phalam Sukamukhaadhamrithadhravasamyutham Pibatha bhaagawatham rasamaalayam Muhuraho rasikaa bhuvi bhaavukaah

Oh, the great devotees! You are all very smart and intelligent and are capable of appreciating and thoroughly enjoying the essence of Sreemad Bhagawatham which is the real ambrosia or Amrith. Sreemad Bhagawatham is the real panacea to cure all your material distresses and relieve all the pains and is the essence of the ambrosia emanated from the divine lips of Sri Suka Brahmarshi. And this Sreemad Bhagawatham has now grown like a Kalpatharu [Kalpatharu is the heavenly tree capable of fulfilling all the wishes of the seekers.] and is capable of fulfilling all your wishes. You should be able to enjoy and appreciate this supreme most divine book of Sreemad Bhagawatham not only in this material life but also in the spiritual life even after the ultimate salvation.

नैमिषेऽनिमिषक्षेत्रे ऋषयः शौनकादयः । सत्रं स्वर्गाय लोकाय सहस्रसममासत ॥ ४॥

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Naimiseanimishakshethre rishayasSounakaadhayah Sathram swargaya lokaya sahasrasamamaasatha

Long time ago Sounaka and other great Rishis or Seers started a Sacrifice or Yaga which lasted for one thousand years with the purpose of attaining Vaikunda, the abode of Lord Sri Maha Vishnu, in the famous temple of Lord Sri Maha Vishnu located at the holy and sacred place called Naimisam or Naimisaranya. [Naimisaranya because it is located in the forest called Naimisam. And this Yenja was conducted in the Vaishnava Temple of Naimisaaranya.]

त एकदा तु मुनयः प्रातर्हुतहुताग्नयः । सत्कृतं सूतमासीनं पप्रच्छुरिदमादरात् ॥ ५॥

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Tha ekadha thu munayah prathurhuthahuthaagnayah Satkritham soothamaaseenam paprchchuridhamaadharath

One day morning after their ritual bath and cleansing all those great Rishis approached scholarly divine orator Sootha who was presiding over there as a respected special guest and humbly and respectfully asked him.

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### Rishaya Oochu (The Seers Said):

## त्वया खलु पुराणानि सेतिहासानि चानघ। आख्यातान्यप्यधीतानि धर्मशास्त्राणि यान्युत॥६॥

Thwaya khalu puraanaqani sethihaasani chaanagha! Aakhyathanyapyaddheethani ddharmasaasthraani yaanyutha

You have learned and you have also taught all the Moral and Philosophical Laws (Dharma Sasthra), Epics (Ithihasas), and Mythologies (Puranas) and like all other Material and Spiritual Books or Texts.

यानि वेदविदां श्रेष्ठो भगवान् बादरायणः । अन्ये च मुनयः सूत परावरविदो विदुः ॥ ७॥

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Yaani Veda vidaam sreshto Bhagawaan Baadharaayanah Anye cha munayah Sootha! Paraavaravidho vidhuh

> वेत्थ त्वं सौम्य तत्सर्वं तत्त्वतस्तदनुग्रहात्। ब्रूयुः स्निग्धस्य शिष्यस्य गुरवो गुह्यमप्युत॥ ८॥

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Vethttha thwam soumya! Thath sarvam thaththwathasthathanugrahaath
Broo yuh snigdhddhyasya sishyasya guravo guhyamapyutha

Oh, the great delightful and divine sage Sootha! You know everything about the physical or material and also of the spiritual or metaphysical sciences known to Vyaasa Dheva who truly is an incarnation of the Godhead is, and also to the other great scholarly divine seers who are all Omniscient. As the most favorite and most

intimate disciples would know everything including the most divine and most secret subjects known to their masterly preceptors, we know that you are also a master like your preceptor Vedavyasa of all those divine subjects. [Or in other words you are also an equally scholarly divine Omniscient like your renowned preceptor, Vyasa Bhagawan.]

> तत्र तत्राञ्जसाऽऽयुष्मन् भवता यद्विनिश्चितम् । पुंसामेकान्ततः श्रेयस्तन्नः शंसितुमर्हसि ॥ ९॥

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Thathra thathraanjasaayushman! Bhavathaa yedhvinischitham Pumsaamekaanthathah sreyasthannassamsithumarhasi.

Oh, the great seer of Longevity (Aayushman)! You have already learned from the books like Sreemad Bhagawatham and other sacred Vedas and from your preceptors that what is the most essential and non-perishable knowledge required for mankind to earn eternal prosperity and divine happiness. Oh Seer! You are the smartest and the wisest one who is the most deserving personality to impart with us by advising and guiding us in the right path so that we can also attain eternal prosperity and divine happiness. We pray to shower your blessings on us with such advice.

प्रायेणाल्पायुषः सभ्य कलावस्मिन् युगे जनाः। मन्दाः सुमन्दमतयो मन्दभाग्या ह्युपद्रताः॥ १०॥

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Praayenaalpayushassabhya! Kalaavasmin yuge janaah Mandhaassumandhamathayo mandhabhagyaahyupadhruthaah

In this age of Kali most of the human beings are distressed and dejected and are either very retarded or very dull-witted and most of them are with bad luck and most of them are with too short life spans also. If we do not know the sciences and philosophies and principles of Sreemad Bhagawatham then we have to read numerous other books and texts incorporating

multifarious activities and information related to the sciences of life in order to understand proper path for maintenance of life which is impossible for the mankind with such short life span. [In this age of Kali with short life span the mankind cannot afford to read the Vedas, the Upanishads, the Puranas, etc. to obtain the the required knowledge and the only alternative is to gain all those knowledges which are well contained as in a capsule form within this Sreemadh Bhaagawatham and that is what these Saunakaas are requesting Sootha to advise them at the conclusion of this Yenja.]

भूरीणि भूरिकर्माणि श्रोतव्यानि विभागशः। अतः साधोऽत्र यत्सारं समुद्धृत्य मनीषया। ब्रूहि नः श्रद्दधानानां येनात्मा सम्प्रसीदति॥ ११॥

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Bhooreeni bhoorikarmaani srothavyani vibhagasah Athassadhothra yeth saram samudhdhrithya maneeshayaa Broohi nah sredhdhaddhaanaanaam yenaathmaa sampreseedhathi.

We are very much interested and are eagerly waiting to listen to the supreme divine book of Sreemad Bhagawatham. Therefore, oh great Seer please teach us briefly the essence of Sreemad Bhagawatham with your thorough analysis and intelligent interpretations from your mind. It is wellknown that anyone who listens to the science of Sreemad Bhagawatham will develop their intelligence and wisdom and improve and expand the knowledge base.

सूत जानासि भद्रं ते भगवान् सात्वतां पतिः । देवक्यां वसुदेवस्य जातो यस्य चिकीर्षया ॥ १२॥

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Sootha janasi bhadram the, bhagawan saathwatham pathih Devakya Vasudevasya jatho yesya chikirshayaa.

## तन्नः शुश्रूषमाणानामर्हस्यङ्गानुवर्णितुम् । यस्यावतारो भूतानां क्षेमाय च भवाय च ॥ १३॥

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Thannah susrooshamaanaanamarhasyanganuvarnnithum Yesyaavatharo bhoothanaam kshemaaya cha bhavaaya cha.

Oh, the great scholar Sootha! May Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan bless you with victories and prosperities in geometric progression day by day! You are a great scholar who is a divine omniscient. Therefore, we earnestly pray for you to explain to us why or what was the main purpose of the incarnation of Lord Sri Maha Vishnu as Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan who was born from the womb of Devakidevi and as the son of Devakidevi and Vasudevar. Please narrate that story in detail to us. Oh, the great seer Sootha! You are always respectfully greeted and worshiped by one and all as a divinely worship-able personality. And it is well-known that the purpose of the incarnation of Lord Sri Maha Vishnu as Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan is to bring and provide all types of prosperity and divine happiness to mankind as well as to all other species created and existing in this universe as well as in all other universes. Therefore, you are the most right and the most deserving and the most suitable personality to explain those stories to us as we are all extremely interested in listening to those divine stories with our whole hearts and fully concentrated mindset.

> आपन्नः संसृतिं घोरां यन्नाम विवशो गृणन् । ततः सद्यो विमुच्येत यद्विभेति स्वयं भयम् ॥ १४॥

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Aapannassamsrithim ghoraam yennama vivaso grihnan Thathassadyo vimuchyetha yeth bibhethi swayam bhayam.

"Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan" is the name always to be uttered and prayed by those who are distressed and caused pain with the entrapment of evil and sinful activities of this material world for their relief from those miseries. And of course, those distresses and pains and miseries would themselves be driven and moved far away just with the sound of that name "Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan" because all such negative forces are scared of that sacred and divine sound of "Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan." Therefore, please explain those divine stories of Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan to us so that all the distresses and pains and miseries and all other such negative forces will be driven away and eliminated from us as well.

यत्पादसंश्रयाः सूत मुनयः प्रशमायनाः । सद्यः पुनन्त्युपस्पृष्टाः स्वर्धुन्यापोऽनुसेवया ॥ १५॥

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Yeth paathasamsrayaah Sootha! Munayah prasamayanaah Sadhyah punathyupasprishtasswardhdhoonyaapoanusevahaa.

Those who are associated with the devotees of Lord Sri Maha Vishnu even for a second can acquire the same sanctification as taking ablutions in the sanctified and holy waters of the river Ganga for number of years continuously.

को वा भगवतस्तस्य पुण्यश्लोकेड्यकर्मणः । शुद्धिकामो न शृण्याद्यशः कलिमलापहम् ॥ १६॥

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Ko vaa bhagawathasthasya punyaslokedyakarmana Sudhdhikamo na srinuyadhyasah kalimalapaham.

All those who wished to see sacred and virtuous activities and its positive results in this universe would want to listen to the divine stories of Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan. It has been well established that all those divine and sacred scholars worshipping and singing the glories of that Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan who has innumerable noteworthy stories and glories which are capable to remove all the evils and sinful negativities

associated with Kali Age by listening to the glories of Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan.

तस्य कर्माण्युदाराणि परिगीतानि सूरिभिः। ब्रूहि नः श्रद्दधानानां लीलया दधतः कलाः॥ १७॥

17

Thasya karmanyudhaaraani parigeethani surabhih Broohi nah sradhdhadhanaanaam leelaya dhadhathah kalaah

We are all very happily and enthusiastically waiting to listen to the glorious stories and philosophies of Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan who is holding all the signs of divinities and greatness and who is also the master who is beholding as child's play all the sixty-four arts like music, musical instruments, dancing, magic and so forth and who is splendorous in bluish black color and whose glories are sung by the godly saints like Narada and all and even by Brahmadeva. Also kindly explain to us in detail about the creation of this universe and species therein from the very beginning by Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan who is the incarnation of Lord Sri Maha Vishnu.

अथाख्याहि हरेर्धीमन्नवतारकथाः शुभाः । लीला विदधतः स्वैरमीश्वरस्यात्ममायया ॥ १८॥

18

Athaakhyahi harerdhdheeman! Avatharakathaah subhaah Leela vidhaddhatha swairameeswarasyaathmamaayayaa.

Oh, the great scholarly Sootha, the wisest of the sages! Thereafter you kindly narrate to us the transcendental and mentionable [there are innumerable transcendental incarnations therefore here Sounaka is asking Sootha to explain those which can be mentioned] incarnations of Lord Sri

Maha Vishnu who is playing with his illusory power as he has created this universe itself with his illusion.

## वयं तु न वितृप्याम उत्तमश्लोकविक्रमे । यच्छ्रण्वतां रसज्ञानां स्वादु स्वादु पदे पदे ॥ १९॥

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Vayam thu na vithripyama utthamaslokavikrame Yeschrinnwathaam resanjaanaam swathu swathu pathe pathe.

The stories and glories of Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan who is the supreme most of the Yedu Dynasty is like that for anyone who hears or listens to them then their unbounded interest would rapidly increase to hear and listen to those stories and glories and braveries again and again. Therefore, we could never be fully satisfied in listening to the stories and glories and braveries of Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan and therefore we request you to tell us those stories again and again.

> कृतवान् किल वीर्याणि सह रामेण केशवः। अतिमर्त्यानि भगवान् गृढः कपटमानुषः॥ २०॥

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Krithavaan kila veeryaani saha raamena kesavah Athimarthyaani Bhagawaan gootah kapadamaanushah

Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan was incarnated in human form as an enticing personality to deceive us as we could be misguided that Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan as another human being like us. Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan is beyond anyone's reach and grasp and beyond any known concepts. Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan is the smartest and bravest protector and savior of all of us. Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan had performed innumerable valorous and brave deeds in order to protect mankind from evils and sinful forces and negative elements.

## कलिमागतमाज्ञाय क्षेत्रेऽस्मिन् वैष्णवे वयम् । आसीना दीर्घसत्रेण कथायां सक्षणा हरेः ॥ २१॥

21

Kalimaagathamaanjaya kshethreasmin vaishnave vayam Aaseenaah dheerghasathrena kathaayaam sakshanaa Hareh

As we came to know that the age of Kali has approached, we came to this sacred and holy Vaishnava Temple of Naimisaaranya and started performing this long-standing sacrificial ceremony. We were eagerly waiting to listen to the most sacred and holy and divine stories of Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan or Nandananda who is the son of Nanda or Nandagopa. [Nandagopa is the foster-father and Yesodha Devi is the foster-mother of Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawaan.]

त्वं नः सन्दर्शितो धात्रा दुस्तरं निस्तितीर्षताम् । कलिं सत्त्वहरं पुंसां कर्णधार इवार्णवम् ॥ २२॥

22

Thwam nassandharsitho ddhaathraa dhustharam nisthiheershahaam Kalim sathwaharam pumsaam karnaddhaara ivarnnavam.

God has, out of his mercifulness, brought you over here in Naimisaaranya with us in order to show us the way out to cross the ocean of miseries and distresses which could not be crossed without the help from seers like you. This universe is now filled with evil and negative forces with the advent of Kali and has stolen and completely covered all virtues and positive qualities from mankind. Now Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawaan has sent you here to lead us in the right direction by providing us with the ambrosia of the stories and glories of Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan through our ears by way of narrating them with your divine lips.

## ब्रूहि योगेश्वरे कृष्णे ब्रह्मण्ये धर्मवर्मणि । स्वां काष्ठामधुनोपेते धर्मः कं शरणं गतः ॥ २३॥

23

Broohi yogesware Krishne brahmanye dharmavarmani Swaam kashtaamaddhunopethe ddharmah kam saranam gathah

Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan who is the provider and fulfiller of all wishes of Brahmins and also the protector and maintainer of righteousness has gone to his abode of Vaikunda after fulfilling all the purposes of the incarnation. Please also let us know that in the absence of Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawaan who is it that the righteousness is now depended upon? Or please let us know that the righteousness is leaning toward or seeking support from whom after the departure and disappearance of Lord Sri Krishna Bhagawan from the face of this earth.

इति श्रीमद्भागवते महापुराणे पारमहंस्यां संहितायां प्रथमस्कन्धे नैमिषीयोपाख्याने प्रथमोऽध्यायः ॥ १॥

Ithi Sreemat Bhaagawathe Mahaa Puraane Paaramahamswaam Samhithayaam Pratthamaskanddhe Naimisheeyopakhyane Pratthamoaddhyaayah

Thus, we conclude the First Chapter named The Story of Naimisheeyam [i.e. the questions about the Subject Matter of Sreemad Bhagawatham asked by Sounaka as the Spokesperson for the Seers and Brahmins Assembled at Naimisaaranya] of the First Canto of the Most Divine and the Supreme Most and Greatest Mythology known as Sreemad Bhagawatham.

Om Shree Krishnaya Param Brahmane Namah! Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudevayah!

# Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudevayah! Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudevayah!